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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 14, 1969

Mr. ERVIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To further secure personal privacy and to protect the constitutional right of individuals to ignore unwarranted governmental requests for personal information.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 That it shall be unlawful for any officer or employee of any
4 executive branch or any executive agency of the United
5 States Government, or for any person acting or purporting
6 to act under his authority—

7 (1) to require or to attempt to require any individ-
8 ual to disclose for statistical purposes any information
9 concerning his personal or financial activities or those of
10 any member of his family or concerning his personal or

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1 real property or that of any member of his family unless
2 the information is sought as a result of a specific provi-
3 sion of the Constitution and a specific Act of Congress,
4 in which case the disclosure shall be mandatory and the
5 individual shall be informed under which constitutional
6 provision and which Act of Congress the disclosure is
7 mandatory; or

8 (2) to request or attempt to request any person in
9 the United States to disclose for statistical purposes any
10 information concerning his personal or financial activi-
11 ties or those of any member of his family, or concerning
12 his personal or real property or that of any member of
13 his family, unless such request has been specifically au-
14 thorized by Act of Congress, in which case the individ-
15 ual shall be advised that such disclosure is voluntary and
16 that he is not compelled to comply with such request.

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